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Mr. Charles Terreni  
Chief Clerk and Administrator  
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Re: 103-133(8)

Dear Mr. Terreni:

The House Labor Commerce and Industry Committee respectfully requests that the Public Service Commission withdraw the enclosed Document Number 4020 and resubmit it with changes that are included in the enclosed documentation. Please note the additional change in section (A) 10. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Sandifer".  
Bill Sandifer  
Chairman

Encl  
CC: Legislative Council  
Senate LCI

#### 103-133(8) PC&N (Stretcher Vans).

Stretcher van service is a mode of non-emergency transportation which may be provided to an individual who cannot be transported in a taxi or wheelchair van due to ~~convalescence or~~ being non-ambulatory. Stretcher vans are not required or authorized to provide medical monitoring, medical aid, medical care or medical treatment of passengers during their transport. Self-administered oxygen is permitted. In addition to meeting the requirements set out in 103-133(4) and 103-133(6) above, applicants for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for stretcher van vehicles must meet the following requirements:

##### A. Driver and Assistant Driver Qualifications/Requirements

1. While providing transportation for hire, all stretcher vans shall be staffed by both a primary and an assistant driver. In addition to the general requirements provided for in 103-133(6) (A), stretcher van drivers and driver assistants shall be trained in transferring, loading and unloading passengers in stretchers.
2. A stretcher van passenger shall not be left unattended at any time.
3. The driver and driver assistant shall confirm that all restraining straps are fastened properly and the stretcher, stretcher fasteners and anchorages are properly secured prior to the vehicle transporting a passenger.
4. The driver assistant shall be seated in the passenger compartment while the vehicle is in motion and shall notify the driver of any change in the passenger's status.
5. All drivers and assistant drivers must be a minimum of 18 years of age.
6. Driving Record – The certificate holder must obtain and retain a certified copy of the driver's and the assistant driver's three (3) year driving records issued by the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles and such records from the DMV of the state in which the driver or the assistant driver is or has been domiciled for such period.
7. State Criminal Background Check – The certificate holder must obtain and retain criminal history background checks from the state where the driver and assistant driver currently live.
8. Drivers License – All drivers and assistant drivers operating a stretcher van must have in their possession at the time of such operation valid drivers' licenses issued by the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles or the current state of residence of the driver or assistant driver.
9. Sex Offender Registry – All stretcher van certificate holders are prohibited from employing drivers and assistant drivers who are registered, or required to be registered, as sex offenders with the South Carolina State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) or any national registry of sex offenders. All drivers and assistant drivers who are registered, or required to be registered, as sex offenders with SLED or any national registry of sex offenders are prohibited from driving a stretcher van. Any driver or assistant driver who is placed on a Sex Offender Registry shall notify the ORS and the certificate holder under which he operates of his status and shall immediately cease to operate the stretcher van.
10. All drivers and assistant drivers must possess a current Red Cross First Aid certification or an American Safety and Health Institute certification, or certification from a program that meets or exceeds the certification standards of the Red Cross First Aid or the American Safety and Health Institute, and Adult Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification. The Red Cross First Aid certification must be renewed every three years, and the Adult CPR certification must be renewed annually.